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LETTER DATED 9 MARCH 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the order of Comrade Kim Jong Il, Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, which was issued on 8 March 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) PAK Gil Yon
Permanent Representative

Annex

Order of Comrade Kim Jong Il, Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army, dated 8 March 1993

In spite of the strong protest and denunciation by all the Korean people and the world's revolutionary people who love peace and oppose war, the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique have at last started an adventurous joint military exercise, "Team Spirit 93".

The war exercise "Team Spirit", conducted jointly by the United States imperialists and their south Korean puppets, is thoroughly aggressive in its content and character. It is a preliminary war and a test nuclear war aimed at a surprise, preemptive strike at the northern half of our Republic.

The staging of the joint military exercise "Team Spirit 93" at a time when the Agreement on Reconciliation, Non-aggression, Cooperation and Exchange and the Joint Declaration on Denuclearization to remove the danger of a nuclear war have been adopted and made effective on the Korean peninsula is an act of extremely dangerous and grave military provocation that can never be justified.

The United States imperialists are now conducting a war exercise reeking heavily with powder smoke by bringing a large number of new-type fighters and warships equipped with nuclear weapons and various other means of nuclear strike into the Korean peninsula and the waters surrounding it, and by mobilizing more than 200,000 aggressive troops including the "quick reaction deployment force" from the United States mainland, Guam, Hawaii, Japan and other United States military bases in the Asia and Pacific region.

As a result of the aggressive joint military exercise "Team Spirit 93" launched by the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique, a hair-trigger situation has been created in our country in which a war may break out at any minute.

All the compatriots in the north, south and abroad who eagerly desire the independent and peaceful reunification of their country cannot repress the surging feelings of hatred for and resentment at the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique who are staging again the joint war exercise, "Team Spirit 93", ignoring the sincere efforts made by our Party and the Government of our Republic to ease the tension in the country, ensure peace and denuclearize the Korean peninsula.

All our compatriots are scathingly condemning the war exercise as an intolerable act of crime against peace and reunification.

The United States imperialists are watching for a chance to provoke a new war by mobilizing all types of modern weaponry, with the spearhead of their aggression directed at the northern half of our Republic, but they are grossly mistaken.

The Korean people is not a people who would be frightened by the "Team Spirit" joint military exercises the enemy is staging by throwing in hundreds

of thousands of troops and weapons of mass destruction, and ours is not an army that would shrink back for fear of war.

Today we have the heroic Korean people and the People's Army, each soldier of which is a match for a hundred foes.

They defeated the 1-million-strong Kwantung army of the Japanese imperialists even in the snowstorms of Mount Paektu and the armies of the imperialist United States and its 15 satellite States in the fatherland liberation war.

We also have the strength of the leader, the Party and the people united in one mind and the unbreakable force of the blood-sealed ties of kinship between the Army and the people.

Our People's Army has now been strengthened into invincible, revolutionary armed forces equipped with modern means of attack and defence, the entire people are under arms and the whole country has become fortified. We are fully prepared for annihilating whatever aggressors at a blow.

Our people, who hold dear the independence of the nation and peace of the country, do not want war, but we will not beg for peace at the expense of our dignity.

If the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppets provoke a new war, our people and the People's Army will fight to the last for the sake of the Party, the leader and our style of socialism centred on the popular masses that has been achieved at the cost of blood, thus dealing a crushing blow to the aggressors and exalting the dignity and honour of heroic Korea once again.

The enemy must know clearly that he cannot trample upon an inch of land and a blade of grass in our Republic with impunity.

In view of the grave situation prevailing in our country owing to the machinations of the United States imperialists and the south Korean puppets to provoke another war and as self-defensive measures for safeguarding the security of our Republic and people, I order as follows:

1. The whole country, all the people and the entire Army shall switch over to a semi-war stage from 9 March 1993.

2. All the soldiers of the three services of the Korean People's Army - army, navy and air force - and of the Korean People's Security Forces and all the members of the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and the Young Red Guards shall watch sharply every movement of the enemy with high revolutionary vigilance and be fully alert for action to crush the enemy at a stroke should he attack us at any moment.

3. All the people shall firmly equip themselves with our Party's Juche-oriented view on war and, with a hammer and sickle in one hand and a rifle in the other, make a great upswing in the Socialist economic construction.